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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed from the Office on May 14, 2003. Please amend the claims as indicated below, and consider the following remarks.